

What is claimed is:

1. A receiver comprising:

a receiving section for receiving a first communication signal constituting contents through a first communication system;

5 a transmitting and receiving section requesting a transmission of a second communication signal containing release information and receiving said second communication signal through a second communication system enabling bi-directional communications;

10 a matching correlation detection section for making a judgement as to whether or not said release information has a predetermined matching correlation with limitation information for limiting a normal output of said contents; and

15 an output section refraining from normally outputting at least one portion of said contents when said predetermined matching correlation is not detected, and outputting said contents normally when said predetermined matching correlation is detected.

2. The receiver according to claim 1, wherein said first communication signal contains transmission source information for specifying a transmission source in order to obtain said release information that has said predetermined matching correlation with said limitation information corresponding to said contents constituted by said first communication signal, and

wherein said receiver receives said second communication signal automatically by obtaining said transmission source information contained in said first communication signal.

3. The receiver according to claim 1, further comprising:

a storing section for storing said release information and discrimination information for discriminating said contents,

wherein said receiver receives said contents corresponding to said discrimination information stored in said storage section as said first communication signal, and, outputs said contents normally when said release information stored in said storage section and said limitation information corresponding to said contents have said predetermined matching correlation.

4. The receiver according to claim 3, further comprising an accumulation section for accumulating said first communication signal.

5. The receiver according to claim 4, wherein said storage section stores said first communication signal on condition that said contents corresponding to said discrimination information stored in said storage section as said first communication signal.

6. The receiver according to claim 5, wherein said storage section stores said first communication signal on additional condition that said release information stored in said storage section and said limitation information corresponding to said contents have said predetermined matching correlation.

7. The receiver according to claim 1, wherein said first communication signal contains said limitation information corresponding to said contents constituted by said first communication signal.

8. The receiver according to claim 1, wherein said output section indicates that said communication is being carried out through said second communication system upon request and receipt of said second communication
5 signal.

9. The receiver according to claim 1, wherein said contents include video data.

10 10. The receiver according to claim 1, wherein said contents include music data.

11 11. The receiver according to claim 1, wherein said contents include program data.

15 12. A distribution method of release information comprising the step of:
when release information has a predetermined matching correlation with limitation information for limiting a normal output of contents supplied through a first communication system, distributing said release information for allowing said
20 contents to be normally outputted through a second communication system enabling bi-directional communications.

25 13. The distribution method according to claim 12, wherein the distribution of said release information is executed in response to a predetermined request.

14. A distribution method of contents, which distributes said contents through a first communication system, wherein said contents are supplied together with transmission source information for specifying a transmission source for a
5 second communication system that enables bi-directional communications,

and wherein release information which allows said contents to be normally outputted is obtained from said transmission source when said release information has a predetermined matching correlation with limitation information for limiting a normal output of said contents.

15. The distribution method of contents according to claim 14, wherein
10 said contents are distributed together with said limitation information corresponding to said contents.